



## LILIHA/ PU'UNUI/ ALEWA/ KAMEHAMEHA HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 14

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### **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020**

**Kapalama Hale/Via Webex Teleconference**

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Pro Tem Wesley Fong called the Liliha/ Puunui/ Alewa/ Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. **Quorum was established with ten (10) Board members present.** Note – This 13 member Board requires seven (7) members to establish a quorum and take official board action.

Board Members Present: Bixby Ho, Cora Yamamoto (Webex), Ronald Higa, Henry Pang, Wesley Fong, Carole Kaapu, Chance Naauao-Ota, Donald Nitta, Kenneth Huang (Webex 7:17pm), Brandon Mitsuda, and Lisa Solomine (Webex)

Board Members Absent: Ryan Mandado

Guests: Councilmember Carol Fukunaga; Glen Young (Karl Rhoads Representative); Lisa Vargas (Donna Mercado Kim's Representative) [Webex]; Jenna Takenouchi (Takashi Ohno's Representative) [Webex]; Ryker Wada (Governor David Ige's Representative) [Webex]; Matthew Ako (Life House Ministries), Allen Hanaike, Anders Plett, Brenda Ching, Greg Nakai, Susan Kano, Janelle Villanueva, John Clements, Ryan Hurle, Vincent Shigekuni (Webex) Nathalie Razo (Residents and Guests); Travis Saito (Neighborhood Commission Office). **Note: name was not included if not legible or on the guest attendance sheet.**

### Election of Vice Chair

Vice Chair – Chair Fong opened nominations for Vice Chair of the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14. Chair Fong deferred election of Vice Chair to the Monday, October 12, 2020 meeting due to lack of Majority Quorum Vote on the Monday, July 13, 2020 meeting. Kaapu declined the nomination of Vice Chair. Mitsuda accepted the nomination of Vice Chair. Hearing no objections, Mitsuda was Elected as Vice Chair. **(AYE: Fong, Higa, Ho, Kaapu, Mitsuda, Naauao-Ota, Nitta, Pang, Solomine and Yamamoto; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).**

### GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FORUM

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – No representative present. No report given.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – No representative present. No report given.

### RESIDENTS'/COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Iwilei Infrastructure Master Plan Project – Razo announced the Iwilei Infrastructure Master Plan Project will be meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at the Liliha Civic Center from 5:30pm -7:30pm. Razo noted to register for the virtual event please visit: <https://lilihaciviccenter.eventbrite.com> .

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

Project – Chair Fong inquired more information about the Iwilei Infrastructure Master Plan Project. Razo noted it is a State project to relocate State offices and looking for options for affordable housing. Mitsuda inquired when the next schedule meetings are after the first meeting.

**Treasurer Huang arrived via Webex at 7:17pm 11 board members present.**

Illegal Dumping on Kealia Drive and Aupuni Street – Solomine expressed concerns that only two (2) employees from the Department of Sanitization are checking for illegal dumping violations and noted not having enough staff for the constant problems. Solomine noted calling 9-1-1 does not help and the illegal dumpers will be gone after

dumping. Solomine noted contacting Department of Environmental Services (ENV) and submitting photo of license plates will be the recommendation.

#### REPORTS OF MEMBERS ATTENDANCE AT OTHER MEETINGS

Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation (HART) – Higa circulated a HART update handout for the month of October 2020.

FILLING OF VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 5 – There were no volunteers to fill the vacancy.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – No representative was present. Report was given:

- Announcement: “Mayor Caldwell would like community members to know of a new islandwide project and opportunities to support O’ahu becoming more climate ready. The Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency has initiated a climate adaptation strategy project, which was identified as Action 28 of the community-developed O’ahu Resilience Strategy. Board members have received a 1-page project sheet and are encouraged to visit the project website, [www.climatereadyoahu.org](http://www.climatereadyoahu.org), to participate in the intro survey and upcoming virtual community meetings. If the board is interested in a presentation on the project, please email [climateready@honolulu.gov](mailto:climateready@honolulu.gov).”
- Follow up on Concerns:
- Bus Stop Rest Stop Location Responding to previous inquires – Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is evaluating options to address this request and will provide an update at the Board’s November 2020 meeting.
- Illegal Dumping – North Kuakini Street and Alaneo – ENV will assess the feasibility of installing a camera near the intersection of North Kuakini and Alaneo Streets. ENV implemented Bill 64 in partnership with the City’s Customer Services Department (CSD) and can issue citations to Registered Vehicle Owners whose vehicles are captured in photographs or videos illegally dumping solid waste. ENV noted Photographs or videos of illegal dumping activities may be submitted to [collection@honolulu.gov](mailto:collection@honolulu.gov). ENV noted if someone witnesses illegal dumping as it is occurring, they should immediately call 9-1-1 to notify the police. ENV noted illegally dumped materials or bulky items placed out for collection outside of the normal collection schedule can be reported directly to the City’s Refuse Inspector Office at 768-5220.
- Grill Smoke into Resident Home – HPD noted that the trade wind blew Mauka to Makai. HPD noted due to the downward direction that the wind was blowing is unfortunate, the dwellings near 2502 Waolani St. will be smoked out and it is beyond the residents control due to mother nature.

District 6 Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Councilmember Fukunaga reported the following:

- Resolution 20-251 – Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) granting Exemptions from certain requirements relating to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Affordable Housing Development at 1002 North School Street, Kapalama was introduced at the City Council on Thursday, October 1, 2020; this resolution seeks exemptions from certain City/State zoning and fee requirements within 45 days/public review: <https://hnlidoc.ehawaii.gov/hnlidoc/document-download?id=7993>
- Homeless Incursions – Businesses located at the Liliha and Kuakini Street intersection reported petty thefts from retail stores, attempted break-ins and other homeless incursions.
- Consolidating Homeless Urgent Care, Housing and Hygiene Services – City agencies outline the investments that the City Council and Administration have made in homeless services, treatments and housing during 2014-2019 include: Affordable Housing and Homeless Resource Center (806-818 Iwilei Road) estimated completion Spring 2021, Punawai Rest Stop (431 Kuwili Street), and Sand Island Drug Treatment Center (524 Kaaahi Street).

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Homeless Issues – Mitsuda expressed gratitude on behalf the community for Councilmember Fukunaga understanding homeless issues have been increasing through parks, nearby districts and growing into Liliha. Pang expressed concerns of continuous petty crime hurts the whole community.
2. Rail – Nitta inquired an update when (HART) will open the transit from Kapolei to Aloha Stadium.
3. Na Pueo Park – Chair Fong inquired the status of Na Pueo Park. Fukunaga responded demolition has started after a six (6) month delay and Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) recently removed overgrown trees. Fukunaga noted Hawaiian Telecom removed one of their electoral boxes and a contract will be awarded soon. A resident expressed gratitude of the Na Pueo Park update.

4. Bus Rest Stop – Mitsuda expressed gratitude at the bus rest stop location from Namauu Drive on Liliha Street. Mitsuda noted motorists leaving Namauu Drive is still a potential driving hazard and request a site visit with government representatives in the future.

District 7 Councilmember Joey Manahan – No representative present. No report given.

13th Senatorial District Senator Karl Rhoads – Glen Young was present, reported the following:

- Maluhia Hospital – Capital Improvement Fund (CIP) of \$75,000 in Capital Improvement Project funding was released for the construction of rain gutters at Maluhia Hospital.
- Not simply postmark vote by Mail – Reminder ballot must arrive by Election Day, Tuesday, November 3, 2020 by that date. If you can't mail your ballot at least 8-9 days before Election Day, take it to a Place of Deposit (there's one at Honolulu Hale) where you can drop it in a box that election officials will pick up with no USPS involvement.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed: Special Session – Ho inquired when the Special Session for Associate Justice will take place.

14th Senatorial District Senator Donna Mercado Kim – Lisa Vargas was present, reported the following:

- Community Report – October 2020 Community Report was provided and contact Senator Kim to be included in future Community Reports at senkim@capitol.hawaii.gov.

District 27 House Representative Takashi Ohno – Jenna Takenouchi was present, reported the following:

- Liliha Library – Delay in shipping construction materials including wiring issues, continuous vandalism repairs have taken place. Projected to be finished by the end of the year and reopen Spring 2021.
- Raised Crosswalks – On upper Dowsett Street and Ahipuu Street raised crosswalks are added.
- Speed Limit Decrease – On Luakini Street and Jack Lane, the speed limit will decrease from 35 to 30 miles an hour and will take place in November 2020.
- Likeliike Elementary School – CIP of \$180,000 at Likeliike Elementary School for installing Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Nuuanu Avenue Repaving – Chair Fong inquired an update for Nuuanu Avenue Repaving.
2. Homeless at Liliuokalani Gardens – Chair Fong inquired the status of the gardens. Ho noted it is an on-going issue and working with representatives and Foster Botanical Gardens.
3. Liliha Library – Nitta inquired the new cost estimate of the Liliha Library with the continuous delays.

District 28 Representative John Mizuno – No representative was present. No report was given.

Governor's David Ige's Representative – Ryker Wada reported the following:

- Capitol Connections – This month's Capitol Connection highlights protecting public health, reviving the economy and strengthening our community.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Lieutenant Governor Green – Nitta expressed concerns of Lieutenant Governor Green's inter-island travel expenses.
2. First Lady – Ho expressed gratitude for the First Lady reading stories.
3. Mandatory Flu Shots – Yamamoto inquired if there will be mandatory flu shots for children at schools.

1st Congressional District Chad Wolke – No representative was present. No report was given.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – A report was submitted that stated the following:

- Main Break Report: There was one (1) main break in September 2020:
  - Thursday, September 10, 2020 on 396 North School Street.

## PRESENTATIONS

St. Francis – Lauri Rasmussen – No representative was present. No presentation was given.

Life House Ministries – Matthew Ako presented the following:

- Conditional-Use Permit – Ako noted Life House Ministries at 2144 Liliha Street is seeking for a conditional-use permit.
- Mission – Ako noted Life House Ministries mission is to assist, support, and mentor individuals to those in need. Ako noted offering community services with street clean ups and showing support for the community.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

1. Mission – Chair Fong inquired what is Life House Ministries mission to do specifically. Ako responded to help bring in homeless men and give them a better opportunity. Ako noted partnering up with support groups and assistance programs to improve individual life.
2. Group-Living – Pang inquired if Life House Ministries is an in-group living quarters. Ako responded it is an in-group living quarters and it is a faith base house. Pang inquired who are the cliental in the in-group living. Ako responded everyone that needs help out of prison, job loss, divorce, and any challenges to help people more forward in life.
3. 501(c)(3) Non-Profit – Chair Fong inquired if Life House Ministries is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Ako responded Life House Ministries have applied and in process with paperwork.
4. Capacity – Ho inquired the maximum capacity for Life House Ministries. Ako responded the max capacity the maximum capacity is 16 people with eight (8) in each in the two story location with four (4) bathrooms.
5. Notice – Mitsuda requested for Life House Ministries to present to the neighborhood next month and noted surrounding areas did not have enough notice for a better understanding of the project.
6. Neighborhood – Resident expressed safety concerns and noting it is a quiet neighborhood with young and elderly families.
7. Complaints – Councilmember Fukunaga expressed concerns of receiving many complaints with Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP). Fukunaga noted Life House Ministries do not currently have a conditional use permit and is not allowed under single family residents zoning requirements. Fukunaga noted there are more than five (5) people and are violating the existing land-use ordinance. Fukunaga noted in order to correct this, DPP is making Life House Ministries apply for a conditional-use permit.
8. Program – Pang inquired how the program is different from other programs.
9. Additional Meetings – Ho inquired if there are additional meetings for Life House Ministries at City Hall and City Council.
10. Handouts – Solomine suggested a handout to review or a website to learn about the outreach program.

Stay Safe Hawaii (safestayhawaii.com) Kekoa McClellan – No representative was present. No presentation was given.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020

#### CORRECTIONS FOR MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020 MINUTES:

Page 1: Election of Vice Chair – The Motion was voted on and failed to meet Quorum vote during the July 2020 meeting 3-6-1 (Mitsuda: Higa, Ho, Mitsuda), (Kaapu: Huang, Kaapu, Naauao-Ota, Nitta, Pang and Yamamoto) (ABSTAIN: Fong).

Page 4: 13th Senatorial Dist. Senator, Karl Rhodes – “Kawanana” to “Kawananakoa” and “sights” to “sites”

Page 6: Unfinished/Ongoing Business – School Street – Board member “Kaapau” to “Kaapu”

Page 6: New Business: Sidewalks – “Cora Yamamoto noted hearing meeting has passed and there will be more in the future” to “Cora Yamamoto noted that the comment period for the City sidewalks improvements project has passed. Yamamoto noted there will be additional opportunities for public input as this project progresses.”

Page 7: Lanikila Multi-Purpose Senior Center – “No representative was present. No report was given” to “Report was given, regarding meet and greets including cultural club updates”

**Mitsuda moved and Ho seconded to approve the Monday, July 13, 2020 meeting minutes AS CORRECTED. Hearing no objections, the Minutes WERE APPROVED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT:10-0-0;** (AYE: Fong, Higa, Ho, Huang, Kaapu, Mitsuda, Naauao-Ota, Nitta, Pang and Yamamoto; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Solomine).

#### UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS

##### Resolution in Support of HPD and HFD

**Ho moved and Mitsuda seconded to discuss the Resolution in Support of HPD and HFD. Hearing no objections, The Motion WAS CARRIED by MAJORITY VOTE;** 7-0-3 (AYE: Higa, Ho, Huang, Kaapu, Naauao-Ota, Nitta, Pang, and Yamamoto; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: Fong, Solomine and Yamamoto).

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department and Honolulu Fire Department are the primary first responders in the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, their duties are critical to the security and safety of the residents of the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, the residents recognize and appreciate the dedication, professionalism and sacrifice of the members of the Honolulu Police Department and Honolulu Fire Department in doing their core duties; and

WHEREAS, the many challenges posed by COVID-19 compounds the response of the Honolulu Police Department and Honolulu Fire Department to unsheltered people, and those in physical and mental health, addiction, and domestic violence crisis, and all other communities served; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Neighborhood Board 14 on behalf of its residents, would like to recognize, thank, and continue to support the outstanding performance of duty by the Honolulu Police Department and Honolulu Fire Department in the City and County of Honolulu in preserving the security and safety of the community of the City and County of Honolulu; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Chief of the Honolulu Police Department, the Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department, the Mayor, City & County of Honolulu, and the Honolulu City Council.

Discussion followed:

1. Addition – Huang added to the fourth Whereas paragraph “,and all other communities served;”
2. Gratitude – Ho expressed gratitude of this resolution in Support of HPD and HFD including revisions to the resolution in various sections. Mitsuda expressed gratitude with HPD serving our community.

**Chair Fong passes the Gavel to Mitsuda at 8:25p.m**

3. Gratitude (continued) – Fong expressed gratitude to recognize HPD and HFD with regarding to the mainland issues and our community is unique. Fong noted HFD had a quick response time when called on for emergencies. Fong noted HPD is serving the community including upholding the law for safety and security.

**Mitsuda passes the gavel to Chair Fong at 8:27pm**

**Resolution in Support of HPD and HFD WAS CARRIED by UNANIMOUS VOTE;** 11-0-0 (AYE: Fong, Higa, Ho, Huang, Kaapu, Mitsuda, Naauao-Ota, Nitta, Pang, Solomine and Yamamoto; NAY: None; ABSTAIN:).

Na Pueo Park – Report was given by Councilmember Fukunaga.

School Street – Redevelopment Project – Reported in Resolution 20-251

Liliha Library Status and Temporary Venue – Reported in Representative Ohno’s report.

Homeless at Liliuokalani Gardens – Enforcement – Reported in Representative Ohno’s questions, comments, and concerns section.

Red Hill Fuel Tanks – Representative Ed Case – No representative was present. No report was given.

Complete Streets – Liliha and Kalihi – No report was given.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Leaning Telephone Poles Removal – Report given in the July 2020 Mayors Representative Report.

Schedule of Road Repaving – Report given in the July 2020 Mayors Representative Report.

Sidewalks – Yamamoto noted this is a long term project and is in the beginning stage. Nitta inquired which streets have discrepancies with sidewalk cracks. Yamamoto clarified this is a project is from Representative Ohno for creating new pedestrian friendly and safe sidewalks. Yamamoto noted to Nitta if there are safety problems with current sidewalks in need of repair, report to the City.

Community Service Recognition – Chair Fong announced if there is anyone in the community that needs recognition for helping to serve the Community to contact him.

Resolution 20-251, HPHA Affordable Housing Development – Has been forwarded to DPP Zoning Planning and Housing Committee Thursday, October 22, 2020. Virtual community engagement from Friday, October 23 through Friday, November 5, 2020.

Questions, comments, and concerns followed:

Contact – Mitsuda noted to be in contact with Lanakila Senior Center and churches in the communities for further updates

Neighborhood Organization Guest Speakers – Chair Fong noted several neighborhood organizations presented to the Neighborhood Board and to contact the Chair for future guest speakers on the agenda.

#### COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Maluhia – No representative was present. No report was given.

St. Francis – No representative was present. No report was given.

Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center – Kaapu reported a drive thru fundraiser donation of clothes at the Lanakila Multi-Purpose Senior Center.

Other Non-Profit Organizations – No representative was present. No report was given.

#### BOARD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report – **Due to timing and hearing no objections, Chair Fong passed Treasurer's Report to November 2020 meeting.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board No. 14 regular meeting will be scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2020, 7:00 p.m. location to be announced.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Submitted by: Travis Saito, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Brandy Clark, Neighborhood Assistant